

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Antoine Bazile,

Plaintiff,

v.

Joe Sanders,

Defendant.

24 Civ. 7901 (DEH)

**ORDER**

DALE E. HO, United States District Judge:

To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) to conduct all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for Defendant must, **within two weeks of the date on which Defendant enters an appearance**, file on ECF a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, a copy of which is attached to this order (and also available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf>). If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before the assigned Magistrate Judge rather than before the undersigned. Any appeal would be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, as it would be if the consent form were not signed and so ordered.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge, the parties must, **within two weeks of the date on which Defendant enters an appearance**, file a joint letter advising the Court that the parties do not consent, but without

disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. The parties are free to withhold consent without negative consequences.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 6, 2025  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale E. Ho', is positioned above a horizontal line.

DALE E. HO  
United States District Judge